

South Dakota's National Strategy for Suicide Prevention Grant

Grant Summary

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) applied for and was awarded the 2020 Grants to Implement the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP) funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The purpose of this grant is to support states and communities in advancing efforts to prevent suicide attempts among adults age 25 and older in order to reduce the overall suicide rate and number of suicides in the U.S. nationally.

DBH Grant Activities

The NSSP grant funding supports

- A follow-up program to improve continuity of care for adults identified at risk for suicide discharged from an inpatient behavioral health hospital;
- Increase the number of health care organizations that adopt “Zero Suicide” practices;
- Additional focus on veterans not already receiving Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Services, by increasingly engaging with and training veterans’ groups, community organizations, and employers to recognize warning signs; and awareness of available resources for veterans and their families.

Partners

Partners include The Helpline Center, inpatient behavioral health hospitals, and the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.



Funding

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health was awarded \$1,200,000. This funding is available from August 31st, 2020 through August 30, 2023. During the three-year life of the grant, the Division will receive \$400,000 annually.

Target Population

Target population includes adults 25 and older in South Dakota at-risk for suicide. In addition, at-risk veterans in South Dakota who are not currently receiving services through the Veteran’s Health Administration.